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Prior Application Art Unit: 1655 Prior Application Examiner: J. Goldberg

SIR: This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☒ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/055,363 filed April 6, 1998 of Anne DEJEAN; Marie Annick BUENDIA; Pascal PINEAU and Hisaki NAGAI for DIAGNOSTIC MEANS USEFUL FOR PREDICTIVE ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA DISEASE (HCC), AS WELL AS DIAGNOSTIC METHODS USING THE SAME.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/055,363 as originally filed on April 6, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☐ Cancel Claims _____.
5. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ \$710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	46	-	20	26	x \$18	468.00
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	x \$80	80.00
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7. ☒ **This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for paying the filing fee.**
8. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees **EXCEPT FOR THE APPLICATION FILING FEE** which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:

This is a division of application Serial No. 09/055,363, filed April 6, 1998, and claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/043,437, filed April 7, 1997, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.
10. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Institut Pasteur and Institut Nationale de la Sante et de la Recherche Medicale.
12. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. [Text], filed on [Text] in [Country] is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy

☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
13. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status

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14. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg.

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15. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
16. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
17. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852.**
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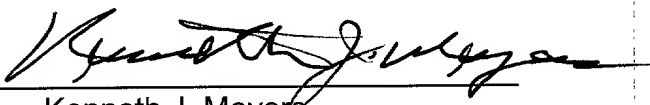
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19. ☐ Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. 09/055,363, filed April 6, 1998, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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